

DECISION



7405 V. Seigler-Stein
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**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

FILE: B-192564

DATE: August 18, 1978

MATTER OF: United States Certification
Bureau, Inc.

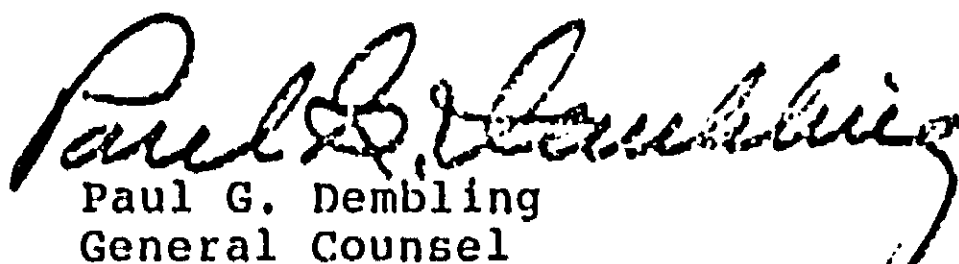
DIGEST:

Protest concerning small business size status of bidder is not for consideration by GAO since by law it is matter for decision by Small Business Administration.

United States Certification Bureau, Inc. (USCB), protests the prospective award to Bay Area Crane-Hoist Company, Inc. under solicitation No. F04626-78-B-0057, a small business set-aside, issued by the U.S. Air Force, Travis Air Force Base, California. USCB contends the apparent low bidder is not a small business concern.

Under 15 U.S.C. § 637(b)(6) (1976), as amended by section 501 of Public Law 95-89, approved August 4, 1977, the Small Business Administration (SBA) is empowered to conclusively determine small business size status for Federal procurement and sales purpose. This matter is thus for resolution by SBA and not this Office. See Pine Products Corporation Timber Investors, Inc., B-191483, March 28, 1978, 78-1 CPD 239.

The protest is dismissed.


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